

USE OF MOBILE DICTIONARY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING (ELT)

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ABSTRACT

The main aim of this paper is to focus on the usage of Mobile Dictionary in English Language Teaching (ELT). Now-a-days, the usage of mobile phones has become part and parcel of day-to-day life. For teenagers, especially for students, it has become major passion in maintaining the societal value. If this passion is utilized for the language acquisition in a proper way, students can improve their verbal communication effectively. Mobile Dictionary facilitates the learner in improving speech sounds with appropriate syllable division which leads to perfect pronunciation.

Usage of Mobile Dictionary also provides a helping hand for students in acquiring knowledge on different forms of grammar by providing different synonyms and antonym words. Students within short span of time can concentrate on different aspects of learning, which directly or indirectly improves their speaking, reading and writing skills.

KEYWORDS: Mobile Dictionary, ELT, Language Acquisition, Verbal Communication, Speech Sounds & Syllable

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INTRODUCTION

In this fast moving world, along with the globalization, vast changes have been made and put into practice in acquiring knowledge in the simplest form. 21st Century has laid its foundation to digital era with new emersion of technologies, which made both teaching and learning strategies simple. One of the best learning, aid for the English Language Learners is the invention of mobile dictionaries. By using this dictionary, students can enrich the quality of learning in an effective way in English Language Teaching (ELT).

Knowledge can only be acquired with best interest of the student, where in he/she will be enjoying the language with self involvement. So, self-centric learning is the major role in dragging the students' attention and with the implementation of mobile dictionaries students learning have become more easy and effective. In turn, it improves students' communication skills by enhancing speaking, reading and writing skills.

Mobile Dictionary can be utilized for various learning aspects such as for accurate learning of speech sounds along with syllable division. Phonetic Transcription is also available in the dictionary for words. Different forms of synonyms and antonyms with similar meanings will be referred to in the dictionary, which facilitates the student in effortless learning as one specimen.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE USAGES OF MOBILE DICTIONARY

- **Speech Sounds:** We all know that in this era, English is spoken as a first or second language by a very large number of people throughout the world. In some countries, English is the native or first language. In other countries, English is spoken as a non-native or second language. As there is such a wide range of variation in pronunciation and accent between native and non-native speakers, it is followed with a standard, Received Pronunciation (RP). It is the pronunciation of the people of south-east England and is

used by all educated English speakers. To speak we use a special mechanism in English, which produces sound with the help of an energizer, a vibrator and resonators. Speech sounds (44) are classified into two types: vowels (20) and consonants (24). It is a branch of linguistics which comprises of study of sounds and are used in human speech. A vowel is a sound which is produced without any restriction in the flow of air and where as consonant sounds are articulated with complete or partial closure of the vocal tract.

- **Phonetic Transcription:** As we have standard speech sounds in English (i.e., 44 sounds), these are put together with standard symbols. These symbols are called the *International Phonetic Alphabet Symbols* or in short *IPA*. Usage of these standard symbols for standard sounds is known as transcription.
- **Syllable Division:** A syllable is a basic unit of spoken language, which consists of an uninterrupted sound that can be used to make up words. In other words, a syllable always has one vowel sound. So a word has as many syllables as there are vowel sounds. While denoting the syllabi structure of a word, 'C' is used for consonant sounds and 'V' is used for vowel sounds.
- **Synonyms:** A synonym is a word or expression which has almost the same or identical meanings or expression as another word or phrase in the same language. The word 'synonym' is a composite of two Greek words, namely the prefix 'syn' meaning 'together' and 'onym' meaning 'name'. In English, almost all words have more than one synonym. By learning various synonyms of words, one can increase their word power which definitely improves ones writing and speaking skills.
- **Antonyms:** An antonym is a word which has the opposite meaning to a particular word. Antonyms are the negative connotations of a particular word. Knowing antonyms helps not only to learn the difference between words but also equips in improving the expression which in turn helps in writing and speaking skills.
- **Grammar:** A few grammar points also to be covered when one starts using mobile dictionary. Grammar part especially parts of speech related to noun, verb, adjective etc. along with sentence formation will be described briefly, clarifying the context in which it is used.

CONCLUSIONS

Usage of Mobile Dictionary simplifies the student learning in an accurate way, by improving their linguistic skills especially speaking, reading and writing skills. Students' can adhere to learn various aspects with this dictionary. As this learning happens voluntarily by the student with self-involvement, language can be acquired practically knowing its importance as a part of day-to-day and professional life.

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